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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 14435

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ILO EG US  
SUBJ: ILO 1978 CONFERENCE

REF: CAIRO 14211 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: EGYPT NOT IN POSITION IN ILO OR ELSEWHERE TO  
COUNSEL PATIENCE OR MODERATION VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL IN VIEW  
ABSENCE RESPONSE TO SADAT INITIATIVE AND ITS "AGGRESSIVE"  
POLICY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. END SUMMARY.

1. CHARGE MET WITH MFA UNDER SECRETARY AHMED OSMAN JUNE 6  
TO OBTAIN FURTHER EGYPTIAN REACTION TO U.S. POSITION ON  
ILO CONFERENCE (REFTEL). ALTHOUGH OSMAN IS KNOWLEDGEABLE  
ON ILO AFFAIRS, HE IS PREPARING TO DEPART FOR NEW POST AND  
WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT WELL BRIEFED ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY.  
HE REVIEWED HIS OWN EXPERIENCES AT ILO CONFERENCES AND  
REITERATED USUAL GOE CLAIM THAT PRINCIPAL U.S. CONCERN  
IS DOMESTIC POLITICAL ONE BECAUSE OF AFL-CIO SUPPORT FOR  
ISRAEL. CHARGE DISPUTED THIS, STATING FORCEFULLY THAT  
U.S. CONCERN IS WITH INTEGRITY OF ILO AND ITS PROCEDURES,  
NON-POLITICIZATION OF UN SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS, AND  
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FUTURE OF UN SYSTEM. OSMAN RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED THAT  
THERE WERE LARGER U.S. CONCERNS, BUT HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE  
THAT EGYPT WAS IN POSITION TO PLAY FORCEFUL ROLE AT GENEVA  
THIS YEAR WHERE RADICAL ARABS ARE USING ILO NOT JUST TO  
ATTACK ISRAEL, BUT EGYPT. THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEMON-  
STRATE THAT SADAT INITIATIVE HAS FAILED AND THAT POLICY  
OF MODERATION AND COMPROMISE TOWARD ISRAEL DOESN'T WORK.

IF U.S. WASNT TO RESOLVE ILO PROBLEM, AS WELL AS OTHER  
SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN UN SYSTEM, OSMAN SAID, IT MUST BRING  
ABOUT SETTLEMENT TO PROVE POLICY OF MODERATION PAYS OFF.

2. COMMENT: UNDERLYING BASIS OF OSMAN'S POSITION (AND  
ONE WE HEAR FREQUENTLY FROM OTHER OFFICIALS) IS THAT EGYPT  
NO LONGER IN POSITION TO PRESS FOR MODERATION AND PATIENCE  
VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL IN MULTILATERAL FORA IN VIEW OF ISRAEL'S  
LACK OF RESPONSE TO SADAT INITIATIVE AND ITS CONTINUING  
"AGGRESSIVE" POLICY ON SETTLEMENTS, OIL EXPLORATION, ETC.  
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